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NWROC Director Albert Sims Recipient of Meritorious Service Award by the American Society of Sugar Beet Technologists

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The American Society of Sugar Beet Technologists (ASSBT) recently honored Albert Sims, associate professor and director of operations at the Northwest Research and Outreach Center (NWROC) with the Meritorious Service Award. Sims was recognized at the organization's 36th annual awards banquet held in early March in Albuquerque, New Mexico.



One of three to receive the award in 2011, Sims was recognized as a member who made significant contributions to the beet sugar industry and for his role in the development of the industry. Sims' background is in nutrient and fertilizer management in crop production. He has been with the NWROC since 1995 and was appointed director of operations in October 2010. He earned tenure and was promoted to associate professor in 2001 in the Department of Soil, Water and Climate in the University of Minnesota's College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences. Sims holds a doctorate from North Carolina State University in Raleigh in soil science and both his master's and bachelor's degrees are in agronomy from University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

Along with Sims, other award recipients were John A. Lamb and Mark. W. Bredehoeft. The mission of the ASSBT is to foster all phases of sugarbeet and beet sugar research, to promote the dissemination of resultant scientific knowledge, to strive to maintain high standards of ethics, and to cooperate with other organizations having objectives beneficial to the beet sugar industry. To learn more, visit <http://www.bsdf-assbt.org/assbt/assbt.htm>.

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